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(57) Abstract: The invention relates to an image-generating energy filter for filtering electrically charged particles. The inventive energy filter comprises at least two toroidal energy analyzers (30, 40) arranged in a row. A transfer lens device (20) is located between the exit plane (5) of the first energy analyzer (30) and the entrance plane of the second energy analyzer (40), thereby making it possible to obtain aberration-free, energy-filtered images of the surface (1') of a sample on a detector (10).

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